

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

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Reducing vulnerability and building resilience for Nigeriens affected by reoccurring food and nutrition crises

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| Amount of Funding: | \$800,000 |
| Time Period of Agreement: | June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015 |
| Country: | Niger |
| Location: | Filingué region, Niger |
| Number of Beneficiaries: | Direct: 33,176 |
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VSLA activity in Kochilang Touarag

| Sector: NUTRITION | | | | |
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| Sub-sector: Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) | | | | |
| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
| Number of health care providers and volunteers trained in the prevention and management of SAM, by sex and by age | 60 health workers; 400 Community Health Workers (CHW) trained in the prevention and management of SAM | 104 additional health workers and 600 additional Community Health Workers trained in the prevention and management of SAM | 42 additional health workers (39 female and 3 male) trained in the prevention and management of SAM | 84 additional health workers (42 female and 42 male) and 600 additional CHWs (128 female and 472 male) trained in the prevention and management of SAM |
| Number of sites established/rehabilitated for outpatient care | 30 sites (health posts) established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care | 49 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care | 1 site established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care | 50 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care |
| Number of beneficiaries treated for SAM, by sex and by age | 14,147 treated for SAM, 6,932 female (49%) and 7,215 male (51%), age 0-59 months | 7,185 additional treated for SAM, 3,521 female (49%) and 3,664 male (51%), age 0-59 months | 2,955 additional treated for SAM, 1,902 female (57%) and 1,053 male (43%), age 0-59 months | 9,372 additional treated for SAM, 5,121 female (55%) and 4,251 male (45%), age 0-59 months |
| Rates of admission, default, death, cure, relapse, non-response/transfer and length of stay | 31.8% or more children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs; default rate of 7%; death rate of 0.21%; cure rate of 91%; relapse rate not available; nonresponse-transfer not available; length of stay of 5 weeks; coverage rate of 31.8% children with SAM | 50% or more children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs; default rate of 15% or less; death rate of less than 10% (SC) 5% (OTP); cure rate of 75% or above; relapse rate of 5%; nonresponse-transfer rate of 0%; length of stay less than 6 weeks; coverage rate of 50% (in rural areas as outlined in Sphere) | <i>Percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs available by end of project; default rate of 6.65%; death rate of 0.62% (SC) 0.38% (OTP); cure rate of 93.49%; relapse rate of 7.93%; non response-transfer rate of 0.48%; length of stay 4.26 weeks; coverage rate of 28.7%</i> | <i>Percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs available by end of project; default rate of 6.65%; death rate of 0.62% (SC) 0.38% (OTP); cure rate of 93.49%; relapse rate of 7.93%; non response-transfer rate of 0.48%; length of stay 4.26 weeks; coverage rate of 28.7%</i> |

| Sub-sector: Infant and Young Child Feeding and Behavior Change | | | | |
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| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
| Number and percentage of infants 0-<6 months of age who are exclusively breastfed | Data not available | 40% of infants 0-<6 months of age are exclusively breastfed | 33.3% of infants 0-<6 months of age are exclusively breastfed | 33.3% of infants 0-<6 months of age are exclusively breastfed |
| Number and percentage of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity) | Data not available | 30% of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity) | 20.9% of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity) | 20.9% of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity) |
| Number of people receiving behavior change interventions, by sex and age (0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years) | 0 people receiving behavior change interventions | 16,887 people receiving behavior change interventions, by sex and age (0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years) | 2,955 people receiving behavior change interventions (2,660 women, 295 men; 2807 aged 15-49 years, 148 aged 50-60 years) | 9,372 people receiving behavior change interventions (8,435 women, 937 men; 8,903 aged 15-49 years, 469 aged 50-60 years) |
| Notes on Nutrition sector activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42 health workers were trained in the prevention and management of SAM as well as on Infant and Young Child Feeding, resulting in 84 total health workers trained. Total beneficiaries treated for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) include 9,372 children from 0 to 59 months, with 5,121 females and 4,251 males. Data was recorded from September 2014 to February 2015; March 2015 data will be available in the next report. A SLEAC survey was conducted in December 2014 to find admission and coverage rates with the support of coverage monitoring network (CMN). It covered the four departments of two health districts including Filingué health district, and find that coverage rate in Filingué was estimated to 28.7% (95% CI: 22.2% - 35.2%). The main barriers identified to achieving the target coverage rate of above 50% include long distances to get to health centers, the health status of the caretaker who must bring the child with SAM, and conflicting activities of caretakers at home. A KAP survey was completed in March 2015 and the report will be available with the final report. | | | | |
| Sector: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) | | | | |
| Sub-sector: Hygiene Promotion | | | | |
| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
| Number of people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting) | 0 people receiving direct hygiene promotion | 16,887 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting) | 2,955 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting) | 9,926 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting) |
| Number water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation | 0 water and hygiene committees active | 49 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation | 49 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation | 49 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation |
| Number and proportion of health facilities with soap and water at the hand washing stations | 7 (18%) of health facilities have soap and water at hand washing stations | 35 (90%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations | 40 (100%) health facility has soap and water at the hand washing stations | 40 (100%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations |

| Sub-sector: Sanitation Infrastructure | | | | |
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| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
| Number of people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program | 0 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program | 24,170 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program | 5,990 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program | 18,922 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program |
| Number of hand washing facilities present within the target population | 38 hand washing facilities are present within the target population | 39 hand washing facilities are present within the target population | 40 hand washing facilities are present within the target population | 40 hand washing facilities are present within the target population |
| Number and proportion of health facility latrines completed and clean | No data available | 39 (100%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean | 31 (79%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean | 31 (79%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean |

Notes on WASH sector activities:

- 9,926 people benefited from awareness sessions on hand washing, including caretakers of children with SAM and recipients of cash distributions.
- Water and hygiene committee members were identified and committees were established this quarter.
- A regular supply of soap for all 40 health centers has been maintained and will continue into the next quarter, benefitting 40 health facilities.
- Constructions of 8 latrines blocks (2 latrines per block, including separate latrines for men and women with a hand washing station) were started during this quarter and will be completed in April 2015. A focal point from the Committee of Health Management will take the lead to ensure cleaning and maintenance of latrines.



Nurse training in Filingue health center

Sector: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS

Sub-sector: Livelihoods Restoration

| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
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| Number of people assisted through livelihood restoration activities, disaggregated by sex | 0 people assisted through livelihood restoration activities | 500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities | 500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities | 500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities |
| Percent of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support | 0 beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support | 85% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support | 0% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support (<i>to be completed in the end of project</i>) | 0% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support (<i>to be completed by end of project</i>) |
| Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | 0 USD channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | \$111,000 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | \$34,125 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | \$34,125 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities |

Sub-sector: Microfinance

| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
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| Number of people, disaggregated by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support | 0 people or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support | 500 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support | 874 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support | 887 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support |
| Percentage of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly | 0% financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly | 90% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly | 100% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly | 100% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly |
| Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | 0 USD channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | \$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | \$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities | \$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities |

- After approval of the MFI sub award, one round of cash transfer was completed by ASUSU SA, a micro-finance institution. This transfer distributed \$65 to 500 very poor women with a child under 5 years old.
- 30 Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLAs) have continued regular savings and loans meetings, and include 874 women participants in 15 targeted villages. A management information system (MIS) for the VSLAs has also been established to collect data of the 30 VSLAs, which recorded 12 dropouts and one death among the beneficiaries. Dropouts are largely due the movements of families to other localities.
- The VSLA members in eight of the VSLA groups have decided not to apply interest rates on loans due to their religious convictions, which do not allow this. Following discussion with IRC teams, two VSLA members have decided to accept the interest on the loan if the amount is added to a “solidarity fund”, which will go to assist all members of the group, rather than being seen as interest. The remaining groups are not applying interest rates.




Cash distribution in Boulkass

Sector: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Sub-sector: Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security

| Indicator | Baseline | Target (by end of project) | Achieved Q3 | Cumulative |
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| Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households | 0 increased months of food self-sufficiency prior to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households | 2 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households | 0 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households (available by end of project) | 0 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households (available by end of project) |
| Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, disaggregated by sex | 0 people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities | 500 women benefit from seed systems/agricultural input activities | 500 women benefited from seed systems/agricultural input activities | 500 women benefited from seed systems/agricultural input activities |
| Number and percentage of beneficiaries demonstrating | Data not available | 400 (80%) of beneficiaries demonstrate knowledge of | 0 (0%) of beneficiaries demonstrated knowledge | 328 (66%) of beneficiaries demonstrated knowledge of |

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| knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures | | appropriate crop protection procedures | of appropriate crop protection procedures | appropriate crop protection procedures |
| Notes on Agriculture and Food Security sector activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the food production of the 500 women that received agricultural inputs and training in the last quarter, the IRC established five agricultural plots (one in each village targeted for this activity), each with adequate water points and protected by fences. Formal nurseries will be created in these plots in accordance with norms established by the Ministry of Agriculture. Additional seeds and gardening materials will be provide to beneficiaries in the next quarter for these plots. In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, technical support was provided to beneficiaries on agricultural activities during monthly meetings, and follow-up visits were conducted in the last quarter. An estimate of the production and number of increased months of food self-sufficiency will be available in the next quarter. | | | |  <p><i>Agricultural activities in Faria Beri</i></p> |